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WHAT FANTASTIC FEAT WOULD YOU DREAM UP
FOR HIM TO PERFORM?

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THAT HUGE METEOR IS
LOADED WITH DEADLY
KRYPTONITE!

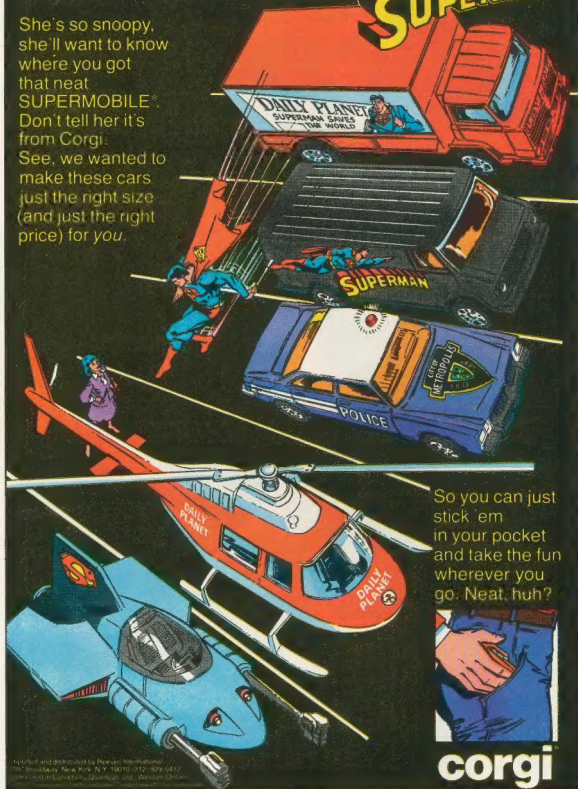
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DEAD CENTER,
METROPOLIS
WILL BE JUST
ONE BIG CRATER!

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SUPERMAN

Created by
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JOE SHUSTER

THERE GOES THE GIANT METEOR I SENT HURLING ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH METROPOLIS!

I WONDER WHAT THE NEXT JOB FOR SUPERMAN WILL BE?

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED... EVEN FANTASIZED ABOUT... WHAT YOU WOULD ASK OF THE MIGHTIEST MAN ALIVE-- IF YOU HAD THE POWER TO MAKE HIM GRANT ONE WISH?

YOU ARE ABOUT TO MEET THREE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUCH A WISHING POWER-- ONLY THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW IT! IF THEY SHOULD MAKE A WISH IN JEST-- OR ANGER--THE RESULTS COULD BE DISASTROUS!

**"SUPERMAN'S
COMMAND
PERFORMANCE"**

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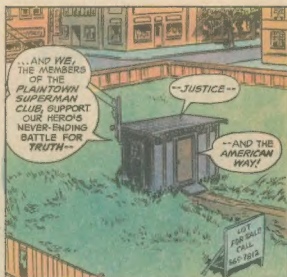
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A THOUSAND OR SO MILES EASTWARD, THE NEXT DAY-- LANA LANG ADDRESSES AN AUDIENCE OF GBS AFFILIATES IN METROPOLIS...

... AND CLARK, STEVE, OSCAR AND EVERYONE ELSE ASSOCIATED WITH OUR 6 O'CLOCK NEWS TEAM ARE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH STANDARDS OF BROADCASTING WE'VE STRIVEN SO HARD TO ACHIEVE!

METROCAN HOTEL

NOW, BEFORE I TURN THE PODIUM OVER TO MY CO-ANCHOR PERSON, I'D LIKE TO BRING UP A FEW POINTS...

WHEW! YOU'D THINK LANA WAS RUNNING FOR OFFICE! SHE KEEPS TALKING ON AND ON...

METROCAN HOTEL

WHEN JOURNALISTS ARE STYMIED BY NEWS BLACKOUTS--

BLACKOUT IS THE WORD FOR METROPOLIS! THE ENTIRE CITY HAS BEEN PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS!

WHAT'S THAT DOORMAN RANTING ABOUT?

LOOK AT THE WINDOWS-- IT'S ALMOST PITCH-BLACK OUT THERE!

BUT IT'S ONLY 1:30 IN THE AFTERNOON! HOW'D IT GET SO DARK--?

THERE ARE NO CLOUDS TO BLOT OUT THE SUN--

--AND THE NEXT TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE OVER METROPOLIS ISN'T DUE TILL 1982!

THE CROWD IS GETTING JUMPY! CLARK, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS--?

CLAR--

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN! WHEN A PANIC STARTS, CLARK DOESN'T JUST GO ALONG WITH THE CROWD--

--HE TAKES THE LEAD!

BUT IT ISN'T PANIC THAT MOTIVATES CLARK, AS HE MAKES A SUPER-SWIFT SWITCH TO SUPERMAN--

SOMETHING IS
BLOCKING OUT THE
SUN OVER
THIS AREA--

--AND AT THE VELOCITY
IT'S COMING AT US, I
DON'T NEED TELESCOPIC
VISION TO GET A CLOSE
LOOK AT THE BAD NEWS--

--A GIANT
METEOR--
EASILY THE
SIZE OF
METRO
STADIUM--
ON A
COLLISION
COURSE WITH
THE CITY!

IF THAT THING
HITS, THE SHOCK
COULD LEVEL CITIES
FOR HUNDREDS OF
MILES AROUND!

I COULD SMASH
IT--BUT THERE
WOULD BE TOO
MANY CHUNKS
CAREENING OFF
IN ALL DIRECTIONS
FOR ME TO HANDLE!

A GRADUAL
FRONTAL PUSH
FIGURES TO BE
THE SAFEST PLAN
OF ACTION--SO
HERE GOES!

THE MAN OF STEEL MAKES HIS MOVE--THEN
WITH STARTLING SUDDENNESS, HE BACKS AWAY..

CAN'T DO
IT THAT
WAY... IT
WOULD
KILL ME!

ALREADY TOO WEAK... TO
FLY AWAY... UNDER MY OWN
POWER!

ONE CHANCE! ALLOW MYSELF
TO COLLIDE... WITH METEOR...
ABSORB ITS IMPACT--

--LEAVING
ENOUGH MOMENTUM
... FOR ME TO...
BOUNCE OFF--

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Check:

- _____
- _____
- _____
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- _____
- _____

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--AND
GET AWAY...
FROM THAT
KILLER
METEOR!

KRYPTONITE* THAT
WEAKENED ME...
I MUST BE BURIED...
DEEP WITHIN ROCK'S
CORE!

MY OWN FAULT!
SHOULD'VE X-RAY
SCANNED IT FIRST!

*KRYPTONITE: Radioactive remnants of
SUPERMAN'S exploded planet KRYPTON, capable
of HARMING, even KILLING him -- Julie



DON'T DARE
COME WITHIN
FIFTY FEET OF
METEOR... YET
SOMEHOW GOT TO
TURN IT ASIDE!

IT'S MUCH TOO BIG...
TO DEFLECT WITH
SUPER-BREATH... OR
VAPORIZE IT WITH
HEAT VISION!



WHILE
DOWN
BELOW...

A GIANT
METEOR
SHOULD BE
SIMPLE ENOUGH
TO STOP--FOR
SUPERMAN!

--IF HE WERE HERE!
HE BETTER HURRY
BEFORE IT'S TOO
LATE!

IT NEVER CEASES
TO AMAZE ME HOW
METROPOLIS TAKES
SUPERMAN FOR
GRANTED!



INSTEAD OF
FEARING FOR THEIR
LIVES--THESE PEOPLE
ARE MORE ANNOYED
THAN FRIGHTENED,
WONDERING WHY SUPERMAN
HASN'T SHOWN UP TO
SAVE THEM YET!

BUT MUST ADMIT I'M
WONDERING RIGHT ALONG
WITH THEM!



AND HIGHER UP...

SAY,
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE TOP
OF THE
METRO
BUILDING?

THE SPIRE
WAS THERE
A MOMENT
AGO--UNTIL
SOMETHING
RIPPED IT
AWAY!

WHO CARES?
WE'RE ALL GONNA
BE COSMIC DUST IN
LESS THAN A MINUTE
UNLESS SUPERMAN--



AND YET THE ACTION AGE IS ANYTHING BUT TRIUMPHANT AT THIS MOMENT

A FEW GLOWING PARTICLES FELL IN MY DIRECTION WHEN THE METEOR SHATTERED

FORTUNATELY, THEY CONTAIN NO KRYPTONITE... JUST SOME HARMLESS PHOSPHORESCENT MINERALS.

ALL OF WHICH LEAVES ME WITH A BAFFLING MYSTERY!

THE PARTICLES ON ME NOW OBVIOUSLY CAME FROM THE METEOR--

--BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PARTICLES IN MY BED THIS MORNING WHEN I WOKE UP SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE THE METEOR APPEARED?

COULD THE EERIE EXPLANATION BE THAT--

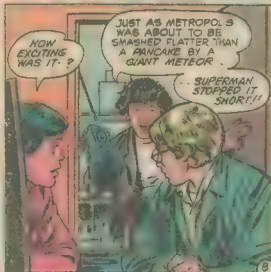
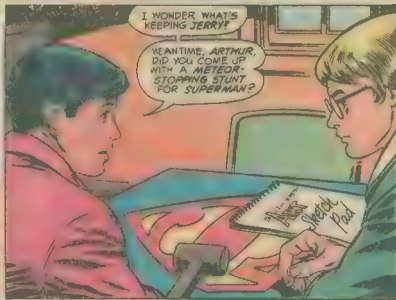
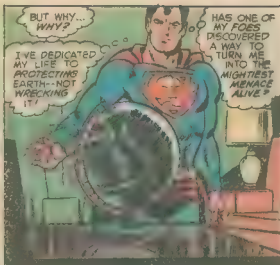
THE STRANGE DREAM I HAD LAST NIGHT WAS NO DREAM?

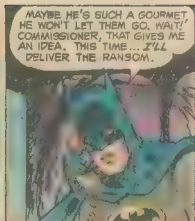
I SEEMED TO BE IN INTERPLANETARY SPACE FASHIONING A 50 FOOT LONG POLE OUT OF AN ASTEROID...

WHICH I THEN USED TO PUSH A GIANT METEOR AHEAD OF ME, KEEPING SAFELY AWAY FROM THE DEADLY KRYPTONITE INSIDE IT!

"AS A JOHNNY LEE FAN, AS OUT IT COULD HAVE FRIGHTENING CONSEQUENCES"

IF I REALLY DID FLY INTO SPACE AND SEEK OUT THAT METEOR... WHILE IN THE GRIP OF A TRANCE THAT KEPT MY CONSCIOUS MIND IN THE DARK!





THIS IS THE ONE!

THIS IS THE **ISSUE**
WHERE THE PIECES OF
THE PUZZLE COME
TOGETHER-- AND

EXPLODE!!

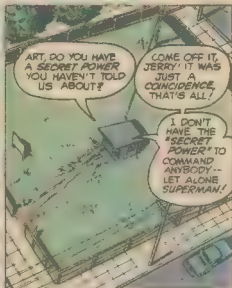
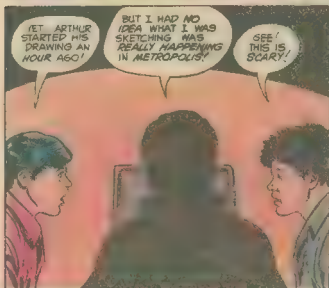
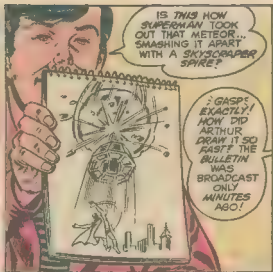
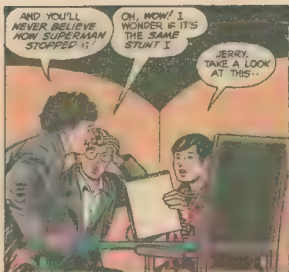


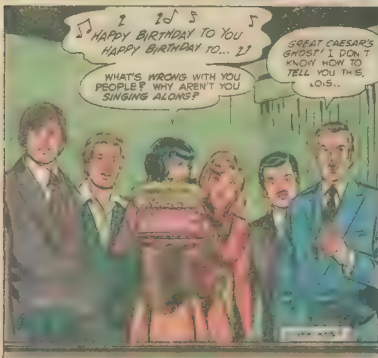
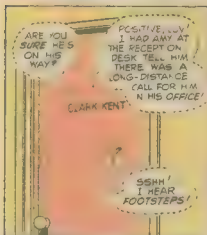
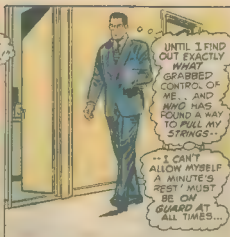
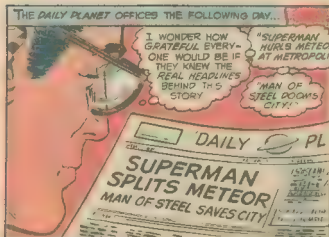
ZAP! YOU'RE
DEAD!



You are cordially
invited to attend
THE LAST DANCE
and witness the
DEATH of

**DON'T
MISS IT!
ON SALE
EVERYWHERE**





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GET TO BE
SUCH A
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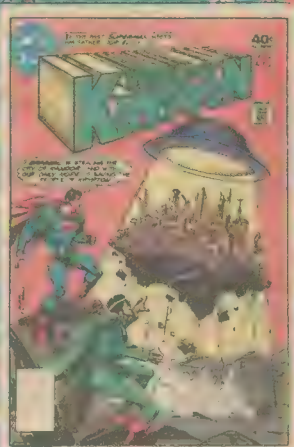
SEE BOBBY, WITH ENOUGH PRACTICE
YOU COULD BE SETTING
RECORDS JUST LIKE ME!

LEARN TO PLAY
LIKE THE PROS
WITH

LOOK FOR THE
AUTOGRAPHED
SECTION OF YOUR
FAVORITE STAR

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AT THE SAME MOMENT--
FLASHING THROUGH THE
THICKNESS OF THE
STRATOSPHERE

WHEN
I HAD NO
ADVANCE
WARNING
AT ALL

I HAD JUST
STARTED TO
OPEN MY
DOOR, THEN
BOOM.

SOMETHING SEIZED
CONTROL OF MY
REFLEXES--AND I
WAS OFF AT SUPER-
SPEED--FLYING NORTHEAST!

LUCKILY, I WAS
MOVING FAR TOO
FAST TO BE SEEN
BY THE
"SURPRISE PARTY
WAITING FOR
ME INSIDE!

WITH WHAT I
BEEN GOING ON
IT'S NO WONDER
CLAUDE AEN'S
BIRTHDAY--
--PEW! MY MAN!

"CLAUDE AEN'S BIRTHDAY" KRYPTONIAN birthday
birthday "celebration" commemorates the day
he arrived on EARTH as an infant! --June

THE FOG-
SHROUDED
SURFACE
OF A
SCOTTISH
LOCH,
SCANT
SECONDS
LATER

AIE! DID YOU
NA HEARRR
SOMETHIN',
ADDIE?

I DID THAT
CAP N!
SOUNDED
LIKE A
SPLASH!

BUT RIGHT
AFORE I'D
SWORN I HEARD
A WHOOOSH--
LIKE SOMETHIN'
JUST FLEW INTO
THE WATERRR

A WHOOOSH,
YE SAY! I'VE
HEARRRD MONY
A TALE ABOUT
THE MONSTERRR
--BUT NANE
ABOUT IT BEIN'
ABLE TO FLY!

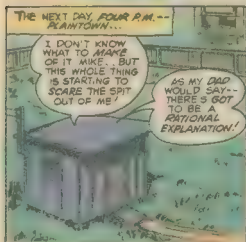
OCH LAD! THE
MONSTER T IS!
AND TAKIN' TO THE
AIR AS DANTY
AS A LARK!



UNLIKE THE LOCH NESS MONSTER, THE ONE IN LOCH TREVOR IS A SURVIVOR OF ALIEN EXPERIMENTS MADE HERE A WHILE BACK!

AS LONG AS IT HARMED NO ONE, I LET IT GO ITS WAY-- YET NOW I'M COMPELLED TO CAPTURE IT FOR SCIENCE!

WHY... WHY???



THE NEXT DAY, FOUR P.M.-- PLAINTOWN...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF IT MIKE, BUT THIS WHOLE THING IS STARTING TO SCARE THE SPIT OUT OF ME!

AS MY DAD WOULD SAY-- THERE'S GOT TO BE A RATIONAL EXPLANATION!



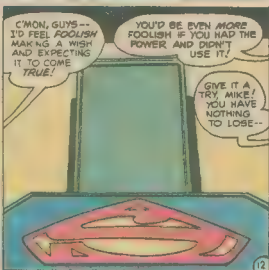
THEN LET'S HEAR IT, MIKE! ONCE COULD BE COINCIDENCE-- BUT NOT TWICE!

YESTERDAY JERRY MAKES A WISH ABOUT SUPERMAN CAPTURING THE LOCH TREVOR MONSTER-- AND TODAY WE FIND OUT IT CAME TRUE!



SO THE TRUTH MUST BE THAT JERRY AND I SOMEHOW HAVE THE POWER TO COMMAND SUPERMAN!

AND IF WE COULD DO IT, MAYBE YOU CAN, TOO, MIKE!



C'MON, GUYS-- I'D FEEL FOOLISH MAKING A WISH AND EXPECTING IT TO COME TRUE!

YOU'D BE EVEN MORE FOOLISH IF YOU HAD THE POWER AND DIDN'T USE IT!

GIVE IT A TRY, MIKE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE--

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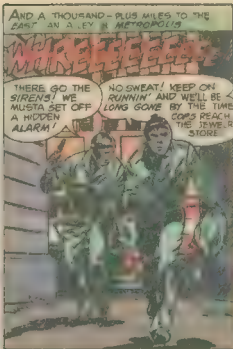




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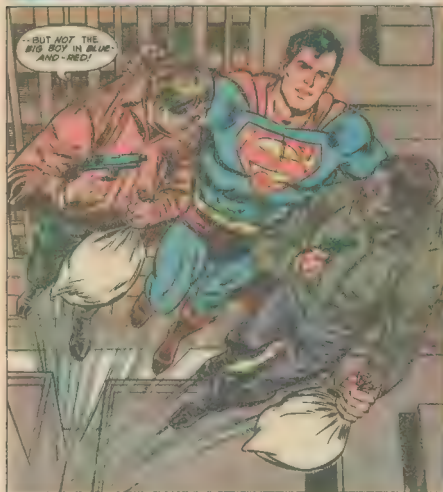
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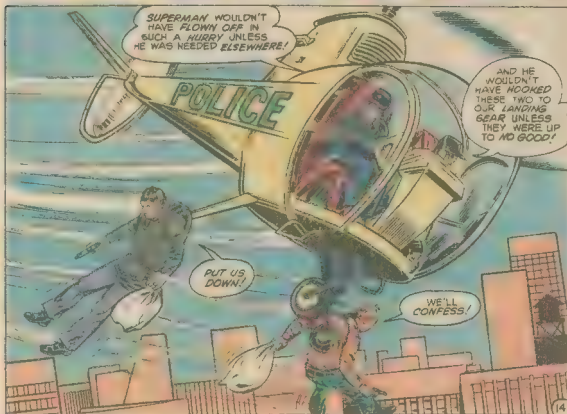
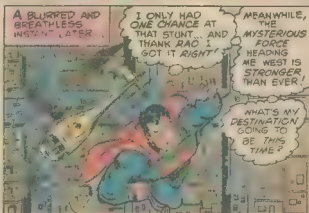
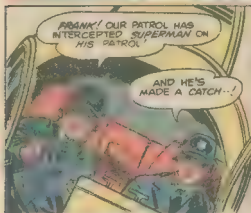
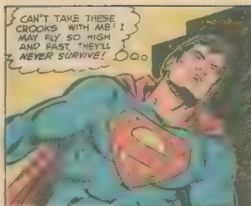
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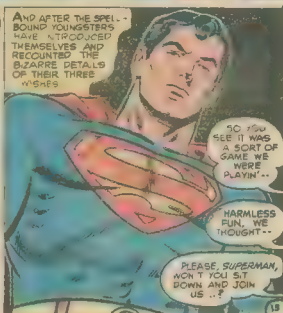
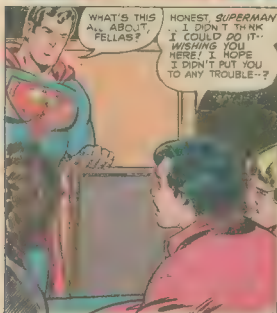


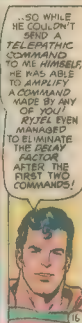
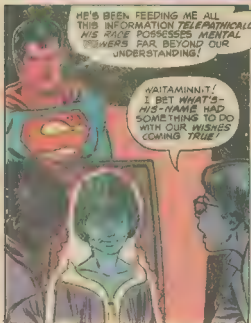
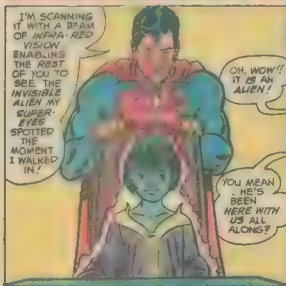
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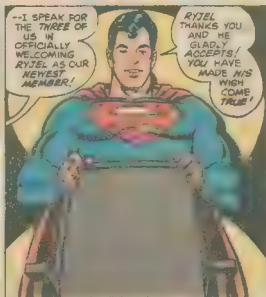
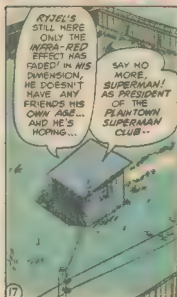
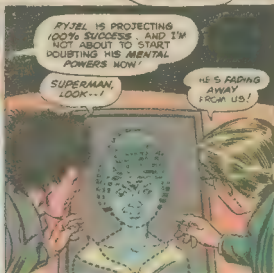
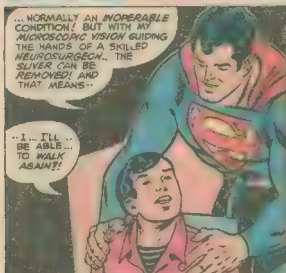
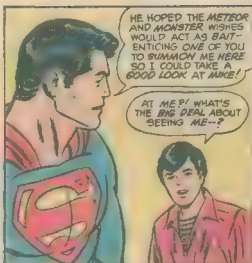
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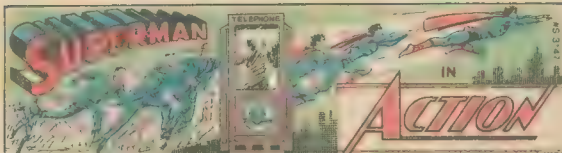
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Dear Editor

Call me just another wild and crazy guy, but I've always been fond of (dare I say it?) "imaginary" tales (obviously the opposition feels the same or they wouldn't have "borrowed" your premise) and was overjoyed by the cover of *ACTION* #492. Despite the fact that I was slightly misled, the beauty of Cary Bates' latest effort was that I was still allowed the pleasure of an imaginary tale within the confines of a "real" plotline. In order for this premise to succeed (which it did), it had to confuse reality and fantasy in the beginning to keep us guessing. Despite the fact the Phantom Zone villains gave the secret away in the early going, the excitement was derived from the kinds of future situations *Superman* would be subjected to and how he'd get out of them.

Even though *Superman's* "dying" moments were not genuine, I found this Kryptonian Yrrym Effect idea to be fascinating and a good idea for a future story. Anyway, this confusion of reality and fantasy did allow us to perceive the depths of *Superman's* conviction not to take a life—including his own. The presence of the three PZ villains, however limited, also provided a link with the upcoming movie elements.

Finally, though I risk being stoned, I'd like to suggest we see a few full fledged imaginary tales from time to time. I've yet to see the harm in an occasional departure from reality, and obviously, the potential storylines still exist, as witnessed in the recent *SUPERMAN FAMILY* computer tales. If I've insulted the intelligence of the opposing faction of Supermaniacs, well—excuse me!!

Tony Edwards
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And while we didn't see much of General Zod in the *Superman* movie, we can assure you he'll be prominently featured in *Superman II*. Meanwhile, we hope you've seen and enjoyed the first picture!—ENB

Dear Sir

ACTION #492 contained a so-so cover, a confusing story, and the usual average art. All of these will be nicely explained.

Art-wise, the cover wasn't bad, but it failed in concept because it's really dumb to think a person can recite a whole paragraph while breaking down a door. In any action scene like this, word balloons are unnecessary.

I really didn't like the story much because I never knew what was going on. I couldn't tell what was real and what was fantasy until I read it a second time. Then I had to read it a third time to decide if I liked it. Oh, it was nice seeing General Zod, Faora and Jax-Ur, but it really didn't help the story much. I also didn't like *Superman* remembering the trip in his visions. It makes him too omnipotent.

It wasn't a total loss, though. The bit about *Superman's* "Up, up, and away" was really cute, as was the choosing of the daily blue suit. Very nice!

The art was the same, neither here nor there. Guess I can't

complain. Nothing really to say about it.

Anthony J. Pignataro Jr.
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That was a mighty short paragraph *Superman* spoke on the cover—only eleven words!—ENB

Dear Mr. E

If the last six issues are any indication, Cary Bates must be made permanent scribe of *ACTION COMICS* (if he isn't already). *ACTION* #492 was easily the best illusionary story anyone has done (that I've seen) and among the most original!

The "cosmic pinwheel" (as I call it) made me laugh on page one, but it was surprisingly effective as it was used, occupying few panels while being the real life-threatening menace.

The key events of *Superman's* possible future life were good, but if *Superman* only "likes" Lana, as of *SUPES* #332, he never could have believed he would be married to her ten years from now! Other than this technical error, however, "*Superman's* Secret Afterlife" accomplished its main goal, to entertain the readers.

Since I began collecting *ACTION* four years ago, buying successive issues has become almost a reflex, first through curiosity, then for pure enjoyment. It's not hard to see why with great stories like these each issue. Thank you for *Superman*!!

Zohar Ayal Rom
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Cary is the regular writer on *ACTION*—except for an occasional fill-in or special issue. One such will be three issues hence, when Marty Pasko gives us a very special 500th issue!—ENB

Dear Editor

Superman's Secret Afterlife" was one of the strangest stories I've seen lately. I have two questions: 1) How did the trio cause *Superman's* hallucinations? I thought the Phantom Zone inhabitants couldn't affect the outside world. 2) How could that thing in space kill the invulnerable Man of Steel? Cary didn't explain that.

I also found it strange seeing *Superman* snub Lana in his own magazine, then marry her (though it didn't really happen) in *ACTION*. I think the best part of the issue was the cover by Andru and Giordano, which I really liked.

Daniel Tobias
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The Phantom Zoners cannot affect anything outside physically. But mentally—since they're telepathic—that's another story! And that space-creature was powerful enough to drain the life-energy from any living thing. Only this time, it took much longer than usual—because *Superman* was tougher than any of its previous victims—so he had time to regain his senses and find a way out!—E Nelson Bridwell



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Q: How fast can the *Flash* run?—Marquis E. Jones. A: Fast enough to break the time barrier.

Q: Where did *Zan* and *Jayna* come from?—Maureen Virden. A: The planet Exor.

Q: Is Bob Rozakis your real name or a pen name?—Unsigned. A: It's real. Is Unsigned your real or pen name?

Q: Who is *Black Lightning*'s worst enemy?—Jonathan Stone, Jody Bishop and David Marshall. A: Tobias Whale, who he teams up with in **WORLD'S FINEST** #258.

Q: What happens to *Spider-Man*'s web after he swings on it?—Klym Baleckowsky. A: It dissolves. (Why am I answering *Marvel* questions?)

Q: How about a **FAMOUS FIRST EDITION** of **ALL-STAR** #8, *Wonder Woman*'s first appearance?—Stephen Nachamie. A: We'll consider it, but **SUPERBOY** #1 will probably be the next FFE.

Q: I recently saw **SUPERMAN** #321 and **ACTION** #s 483 and 485 in a package together, but it said "Whitman instead of DC? What's going on?—Skip Orcutt. A: *Whitman* produces the comic-paks with special covers, but the material inside is exactly the same.

Q: Is Mark (Blockbuster) Desmond related to Al (Dr. Alchemy) Desmond?—M. Larkin. A: Not that we know of.

Q: Who is your favorite super-hero?—Sandy Sepanik. A: The Answer Man!

Q: Is Kamandi joining the *Legion of Super-Heroes*?—Jim Romer. A: Not in the near future, nor is it likely.

Q: If *Wonder Woman* goes berserk without her Amazon bracelets, how come Diana Prince doesn't wear them?—Unsigned. A: She does, but they are invisible like her costume.

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